

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Communist China

a. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] an-  
other nuclear test, "much larger"  
than the first one, is scheduled  
for next March.

c. If the Chinese do indeed  
have a second test in the works,

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] They may also want to lessen  
the damage it might do to them at  
the second "Bandung" conference  
scheduled for Algiers next spring.

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e. The prediction that the  
next shot will be larger suggests  
Chinese confidence in improving  
their next device, possibly by  
using both plutonium and U-235.  
By next March, both materials  
could be available in sufficient  
quantity.

2. South Vietnam

a. Suu apparently intends to announce his choice for prime minister today.

b. Our embassy has been informed that Suu will submit Huong's name to the High National Council for approval, with Vien as deputy prime minister. Ambassador Taylor had not heard directly from Suu, however, and was checking this morning.

c. According to this version, Suu plans to name Huong as minister of defense as well. Vien will also serve as interior minister, the position he already holds.

d. Khanh, as expected, will be armed forces commander in chief.

e. Taylor comments that the Huong-Vien team would be about the best obtainable and should be able to work with the military.

3. Sudan

a. The Sudanese radio announced this morning that a new, transitional government will be formed soon, but it is not at all clear who is doing what to whom.

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b. The announcement followed talks between civilian leaders and military representatives. President Abboud's name was not mentioned, raising the possibility that he may have been ousted.

c. [redacted]  
[redacted] there had been an internal coup in the Sudanese armed forces.

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d. General Hasan Bashir Nasir, longtime number-two man in the Abboud military regime, was [redacted]  
[redacted] under house arrest. He was apparently removed by the commander of the Sudan's eastern forces, General Tahir, supported by younger officers.

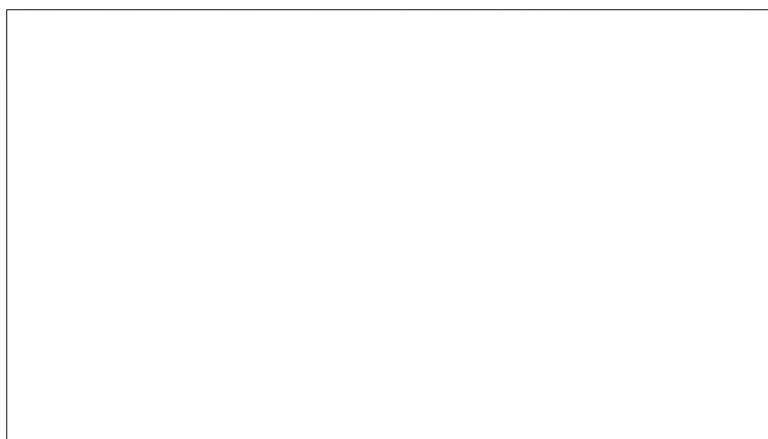
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e. The army killed a number of rioters yesterday as the demonstrations continued to spread from Khartoum to other northern cities. So far, there has been no evidence of an appreciable anti-American or antiforeign trend in the demonstrations.

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4. Congo

a. The Congolese rebels are again threatening foreigners held in their territory.



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d. In Nairobi yesterday, Ambassador Fredericks saw the rebel foreign minister, Thomas Kanza. He implied to Kanza that, if any Americans were harmed, the US might take drastic action.

f. Kanza said the Stanleyville authorities were not too concerned about US reprisals.

5. Bolivia

a. La Paz may blow up again today.

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b. Factory workers, teachers, and students are planning a "liberty march" on the presidential palace to protest government repression. The police and militia have managed to contain earlier demonstrations in La Paz, but feeling is running high.

c. Police have been moved from Cochabamba to the mining town of Oruro to strengthen the local forces. Yesterday the military in Oruro reportedly failed to back up the police, who were attacked by dynamite-throwing miners.

d. President Paz has ordered the reluctant Barrientos to stay in La Paz and attend to his vice-presidential duties. Barrientos had asked the embassy on Tuesday about possible evacuation.

e. Despite the continuing disturbances, the embassy believes Paz is weathering the storm.

## 6. East Germany

a. Ulbricht's party is apparently having trouble adjusting to the recent changes in Moscow.

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b. Only five of the thirteen full members of the East German politburo have been seen since the changes took place, and Ulbricht himself was out of sight from 12 to 27 October.

c. The politburo issued a qualified endorsement of the Moscow shift on 17 October and was to meet again on 26 October. No public announcement has resulted. A central committee meeting may be under way today.



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7. USSR

a.

[redacted] the meeting of Communist parties will be held in Moscow on 15 December, as scheduled.

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b. The Poles, who said their party would attend, told a British correspondent that the meeting will "freeze" the Sino-Soviet conflict, not push it to the limit.

c. Gomulka's speech headlined in the press this morning is consistent with this. For public consumption he must appear to believe that the USSR and China can get together.

d. Moscow's new leaders may have agreed to soften the tone of the meeting in order to avoid canceling or postponing it, which would have been a major victory for Peiping.

e. If the Poles are right, we may hear something soon from Moscow, where the subject is probably being discussed with the several visiting Communist party delegations.



NOTES

- A. France-MLF Ambassador Bohlen believes all indications point to a French program of vigorous opposition to the conclusion of any MLF agreement. Paris is already trying to dissuade the West Germans from joining. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the MLF would tend to limit cooperation under the French-German treaty and isolate Germany from other European countries as well as France if it began as a bilateral US-German venture.

- B. USSR Soviet Defense Minister Malinovsky appears to be ailing. [REDACTED]

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- C. Gabon-France The French may decide to send Mba back to Libreville after all. French officials in Paris are apparently fearful that his removal will mean a takeover by more radical elements and repercussions in other French African dependencies.

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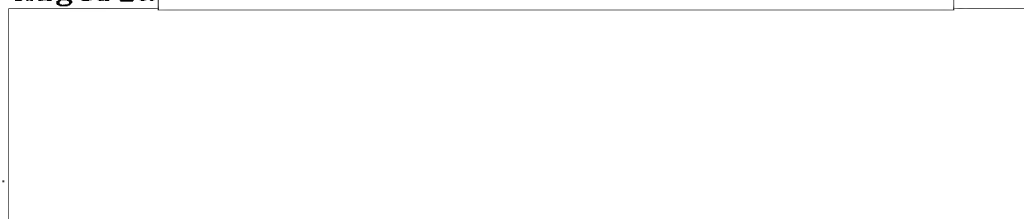


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E. Algeria-Cuba-Venezuela The Venezuelan FALN will soon receive shipments of small arms from Algeria

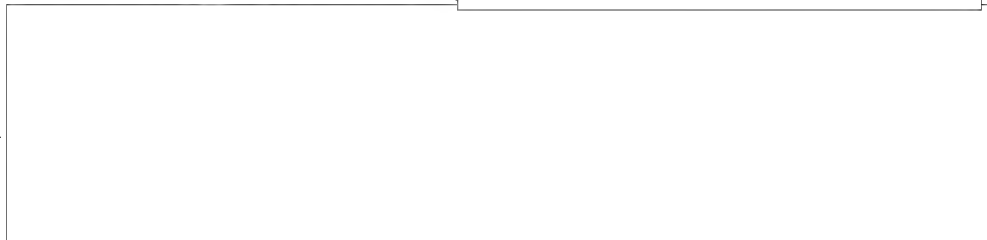
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F. Japan the top contenders for the prime ministry, Eisaku Sato

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